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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RP, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH AMBASSADORSHIP IN MANILA

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALONZO INFORMS ME IN SOME CONFIDENCE THAT HIS JOB IS IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE FRANCO'S SON-IN-LAW, THE MARQUESS DE VILLA VERDE, WOULD LIKE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO MANILA. VILLA VERDE IS ONE OF THE GROUP OF JADED EUROPEAN PSEUDO-ARISTOCRATS WHO JOIN IMELDA MARCOS ON HER VARIOUS JET-SET ENTERPRISES. HE WAS RECENTLY HERE FOR INAUGURATION OF THE HEART CENTER (HE IS A DOCTOR) AND JOINED IMELDA AT THE CORONATION IN KATHMANDU.

2. ALONZO INTERPRETS VILLA VERDE'S DESIRE TO BE AMBASSADOR AS A REFLECTION OF BOTH "FAMILY PROBLEMS" AND THE DIFFICULT TIMES HE SEES AHEAD FOR HIMSELF WHEN FRANCO DIES. IT WAS REPORTEDLY ON THE MEDICAL ADVICE OF VILLA VERDE THAT THE FRANCO FAMILY "CAMARILLA" RETURNED THE GENERALISSIMO FROM BILBAO TO MADRID TO DEPLACE JUAN CARLOS FROM HIS REGENCY.

3. ACCORDING TO ALONZO, BOTH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER ARE RESISTING VILLA VERDE'S PROPOSAL, AND PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION. HOWEVER, IMELDA HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION. HOWEVER, IMELDA IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR. IF SHE AND FRANCO COMBINE TO PRESS THIS  
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APPOINTMENT, THEY WILL INTRODUCE NEW AND UNFORTUNATE

COMPLICATIONS INTO CURRENT SMOOTH SPANISH-PHILIPPINE  
RELATIONS.  
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